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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Public Consultation Meeting to Discuss Area Redesignations  
for State Ambient Air Quality Standards Required by  
Health and Safety Code Section 39608**

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is holding a public consultation meeting to discuss and obtain comments about the proposed area redesignations for State ambient air quality standards (State standards). The public consultation meeting will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: August 13, 2002

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 230  
Second Floor  
California EPA Headquarters  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, California

Health and Safety Code (H&SC) section 39607(e) requires ARB to establish and periodically review area designation criteria. These designation criteria provide the basis for designating areas as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassified for the State standards. Under H&SC section 39608, ARB must use the designation criteria in completing an annual review of the area designations. The ARB makes area designations for nine pollutants: ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, suspended particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>), sulfates, lead, hydrogen sulfide, and visibility reducing particles. Based on the most recently available three years of air quality data (data collected during 1999 through 2001), the staff is proposing one change to the area designations plus three are occurring by "operation of law". These changes are summarized in Attachment 1.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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At the public consultation meeting, ARB staff will present an overview of the proposed changes to the area designations. In addition, staff will discuss several areas of the State where the air quality data would appear to signal a change in designation, but for which we do not propose any change. Examples of the latter include areas with incomplete data, improperly sited monitors, or exceedance(s) excluded as affected by a highly irregular or infrequent event. A meeting agenda is provided in Attachment 2.

If you have any questions about the public consultation meeting or proposed area redesignations, please contact Mr. Ron Rothacker, at (916) 324-7672, or via e-mail at [rrothack@arb.ca.gov](mailto:rrothack@arb.ca.gov). Staff is scheduled to present the proposed area redesignations to members of the Air Resources Board at its November 2002 hearing. For further information, visit our web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/desig.htm>.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Attachments (2)

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## ATTACHMENT 1

### 2002 PROPOSED AREA REDESIGNATIONS FOR STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

PROPOSED AREA REDESIGNATIONS				
Pollutant	Area	Designation Status*		
		Current	Proposed	Operation of law
Ozone	Butte County APCD	N		N-T
	Colusa County APCD	N-T	N	
	Monterey Bay Unified APCD	N		N-T
	Solano County portion (Yolo-Solano County AQMD)	N		N-T

**\* Designation Status:**

- A = Attainment; indicates there were no *violations* of the State standard in the area during the previous three years.
- N = Nonattainment; indicates at least one *violation* of the State standard in the area during the previous three years.
- N-T = Nonattainment-transitional; a subcategory of nonattainment indicating (for ozone) there were no more than three *exceedances* of the State standard in the district during the previous calendar year. Nonattainment-transitional changes occur by operation of law.
- U = Unclassified; indicates that data for the area are not sufficient for determining attainment or nonattainment.

An *exceedance* is any pollutant concentration that is above the level of the State standard. Not all exceedances are violations.

A *violation* is an exceedance that cannot be excluded from the area designation process as affected by a highly irregular or infrequent event.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **AGENDA FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING FOR AREA REDESIGNATIONS**

August 13, 2002  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Conference Room 230  
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## **AGENDA**

### **I. STAFF PRESENTATION**

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Background
- C. Proposed Area Redesignations
- D. Areas Not Recommended for Redesignation

### **II. GENERAL DISCUSSION**